



## PATRICK TESTIN STATE SENATOR

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### **Senator Testin Serves Up a Legislative Menu of Meat and Potatoes** *Seven Testin Authored Bills Advance*

**Madison, WI**—Tuesday was eventful at the Wisconsin State Capitol as both the State Senate and State Assembly were in session. Sen. Patrick Testin (Town of Hull) continued what has been a successful first session with the advancement of seven of his bills through the legislative process.

The bills varied widely in subject matter, dealing with a host of issues including turkey hunting, potato blight, and seed certification.

“We said in the office that this was meat and potatoes week, with the hunting and agriculture bills moving forward together,” said Testin. “Literally and figuratively all of these bills deal with the meat and potatoes issues that people elected me to address. Funding rural broadband, showing respect for our veterans, and instituting sound agricultural policies are things we can all rally around.”

Below are descriptions of Testin’s advancing bills:

- Assembly Bill 123 allocates \$23 million for rural broadband expansion. *Passed Assembly 98-0.*
- Assembly Bill 160 acknowledges that aquaculture, (most commonly associated with fish farming), is agriculture, and should be governed as such. *Passed the Assembly 64-34.*
- Assembly Bill 138 allows funding allocated to the safe-ride program to be used for promotion of the service. *Passed the Assembly on a voice vote.*
- Senate Joint Resolution 40 congratulates the Stevens Point Area Senior High School (SPASH) boys’ basketball team on their third consecutive state championship. *Passed the Senate on a voice vote.*
- Senate Bill 20 adjusts the timetables for treatment of potato blight to be in line with scientific knowledge about its spread. *Passed the Senate on a voice vote.*
- Senate Bill 23 protects Wisconsin’s commercial potato crop from inferior seed strains. *Passed the Senate on a voice vote.*
- Senate Bill 46 expresses respect and gratitude for disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients by ensuring that those who served on the front lines are moved toward the front of the line for turkey hunting permits. *Passed the Senate on a voice vote.*

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